

221st BSB – Wiesbaden, Wackernheim, Dexheim

Community news notes

Native American luncheon

In honor of Native American Month the Rheinlander Club in Dexheim offers a special lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 24. Books and other information on Native Americans will be on display. For information or reservations for parties of 10 or more call mil 334-5712.

Veterans ceremony

A Veterans Day ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Nov. 10 at the 1st Armored Division's Minue Parade Field at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. The 40-minute ceremony will feature a tribute to veterans of past wars and the laying of wreaths in recognition of the service and sacrifices of all veterans who have served with the U.S. armed services.

Shuttle bus change

A new schedule for the community shuttles buses will begin Nov. 15. The schedule will be posted at all community bus stops and at www.wiesbaden.army.mil.

Tax office closed

The Wiesbaden Tax Assistance Center is now closed until late January 2005. Redeploying Soldiers have an automatic extension of 180 days from the day they left a combat zone to file their 2003 tax returns. Additionally any time spent in a combat zone from Jan. 1 to April 15, 2004, is added to the 180 day extension. Essentially this means that many Soldiers have a 254 day extension to file and will still have time to file when the TAC re-opens for the 2004 tax season. For more information contact the Wiesbaden Legal Center at mil 337-4725 or civ (0611) 705-4725.

Ebay class

Learn the ins and outs of using Ebay with the Team 221st libraries. "Using Ebay the Smart Way" classes will be taught from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Wiesbaden Community Library Nov. 13, 20; Dexheim on Nov. 18 and McCully Nov. 12. Advance registration is required. Contact your local library for more classes and program information.

Positions open

Army Community Service seeks a volunteer program manager. Duties include maintaining files, recording hours and ensuring all volunteers receive an orientation. For more information call mil 337-5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034.

The American Arms Hotel is hiring front desk clerks and custodial workers for housekeeping.



A gift for Iron Soldiers

Story and photo by Spc. Scott Pittillo
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Wiesbaden's Lord Mayor Hildebrand Diehl presented Col. George Lockwood, 1st Armored Division chief of staff, a box filled with tickets to attractions in his city for division Soldiers.

Lockwood received the gift during a presentation at the Wiesbaden Rathaus Oct. 27.

Diehl explained that he had heard of the division's reintegration program and wanted to help welcome Soldiers back to Germany and get them settled back into the community.

The tickets are for various attractions throughout Wiesbaden including modern ballet perfor-

mances and health spas. Event tickets include performances to "Rock Around Baroque," the stage show "Queen" and "Irish Soul."

"The division thanks you for your very kind and warm welcome," Lockwood said thanking the Lord Mayor and citizens of Wiesbaden for their support of Iron Soldiers.

Diehl said that he hoped Soldiers stationed here would "come to see Wiesbaden as their German home."

The tickets will be distributed through the division's community relations department and are available to all Soldiers serving in the Wiesbaden area who deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and can apply at the Non-appropriated Fund Personnel Office in Building 1020 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. For more information call mil 338-7883 or civ (0611) 343 667.

Red Cross classes

Babysitters Training, Healthy Pregnancy, CPR and Volunteer orientations are offered through the Wiesbaden Red Cross. To find out and sign up for upcoming classes call mil 337-1760 or civ (0611) 705-1760.

Playgroup at chapel

Little Lambs prayer and playgroup is held from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at the Hainerberg Chapel. A parents must remain with the child during the playtime and bring a snack or drink for their toddler. For more information call mil

337-1570 or civ (0611) 705-1570.

New in Dexheim?

Army Community Service offers free activities to help newcomers to Dexheim acclimate to their new surroundings. An introductory coffee is held the first Wednesday of the month in Building 6460 at Anderson Barracks. A cultural bus tour of the area will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 24. German conversation classes are held every Monday and Wednesday from 1-2:30 p.m. For more information call mil 334-5622.

Book club meets

"Regina's Song" by David and Leigh Eddings is this month's book club selection at the Wiesbaden Community Library. In a radical departure from their previous bestselling fantasy books, the Eddings' focus on the

mysterious bonds between twins in this fast-paced psychological thriller. The book club will meet Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. to discuss this month's selection.

Employment readiness

Dexheim Army Community Service offers free Resumix classes from 3-4 p.m. Nov. 10, 30 and Dec. 9 and 16. Learn about interview techniques Dec. 7 from 10-11:30 a.m. All classes meet in Building 6460 at Anderson Barracks. For more information call mil 334-5646.

Free aerobics classes

In honor of Military Family Week, Team 221st Sports and Fitness offers free aerobics classes Nov. 21-27. This offer does not include martial arts programs.

Holiday assistance

Army Community Service sponsors the Holiday Assistance Program throughout the Wiesbaden, Dexheim and McCully communities. The program provides food vouchers for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners as well as gifts for needy children. Units wishing to nominate a Soldier, civilian or family member can do so by contacting ACS at mil 337-5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034.

Story time at library

The Wiesbaden community library holds story time every Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. Targeted for pre-school aged children, the program includes listening to a story and a craft time. Upcoming themes are Children's Books Nov. 10, Thanksgiving Nov. 17 and Birthdays Nov. 24.

Red Cross classes

Babysitters training, healthy pregnancy, CPR and volunteer orientations are held through the Wiesbaden Red Cross. To find out and sign up for upcoming classes call mil 337-1760 or civ (0611) 705-1760.

Fitness classes

A wide variety of fitness classes are offered every day by Team 221st Sports and Fitness. Learn to do pilates, yoga, kickboxing and more. **Yoga** classes are held at the Tony Bass Fitness Center at 6:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; 11 a.m. Thursday and 9:30 a.m. Friday. **Tai Chi** classes are held at 7:45 p.m. Thursday as well as other martial arts classes. **Ving Tsun Kung Fu** is held at 7:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at Tony Bass Fitness Center, **Northern Praying**

Mantis Kung Fu at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday and **Buj In Kan Budo Tai Ju Tsu** at 5:30 p.m. at McCully Barracks fitness center on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Marital arts classes cost \$10 each or 12 for \$100. **Aerobics** classes are also held every Monday and Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Hainerberg Elementary School. **Indoor cycling** is held at 6:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. every Monday and Tuesday and Thursday. For more information on classes and programs call mil 337-5943 or civ (0611) 705-5943.

Young athlete training

The Tony Bass Fitness Center offers young athlete strength and speed training for individuals, groups or teams specifically designed to help enhance young athletes' skills and performance. Call mil 337-5943 or civ (0611) 705-5943 for more information.

Massage specials

Holiday health and wellness gift certificates are now available through Team 221st Sports and Fitness. Services include Swedish massage, peppermint leg and foot treatments and hot stone massage therapy. Call civ (0160) 640 5187 or (0179) 903 6996 to find out more about massage and spa treatment therapies.

Volunteers needed

The United Services Organization seeks volunteers to be Santa's helpers during photo sessions in December. Needed are Santa, Mrs. Claus, cashier, photographer and photo mounter. To volunteer call mil 337-5591 or civ (0611) 705-5591.

OCS board

The 221st Base Support Battalion will conduct an Officer Candidate School OCS selection board Nov. 23 and 24 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. For location, times and packet submission requirements contact Harold Griffin, 221st BSB adjutant, at mil 337-7068 or civ (0611) 705-7068.

Saturday night fun

The Wiesbaden Community Activity Center hosts Saturday Night Fever for all ages Nov. 13. Teen Time will be held from 4-7:30 p.m. with plenty of music, games, dance and Playstation contests. The party continues from 8 p.m. to midnight for adults with a DJ, open mic contest and Apollo style comedy. Call mil 337-5750 or civ (0611) 705-5750 for more information.

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Paintball continues to gain popularity



Photos by Joseph Harris

Paintball enthusiasts take cover behind inflatable barricades at the Bust-a-Ball paintball field in Dexheim. Team 221st Outdoor Recreation held a grand finale season ending Halloween weekend. Although the field is closed during the winter, a new indoor field will soon be opening at McCully Barracks.

Colorful splats end Bust-a-Ball season

By Cassandra Kardeke
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Public Affairs Office

Despite cold temperatures and rain, Soldiers, civilians and family members enjoyed Halloween weekend at the Bust-a-Ball paintball field in Dexheim.

Celebrating the ending of the first outdoor paintball season within the 221st Base Support Battalion, the field has come a long way since it opened five months ago.

"We had a humble beginning with not much to look at when we opened back in May," said Joseph

Harris, Outdoor Recreation director.

Located just below the entrance to the housing area at Anderson Barracks, the field wasn't much to look at with homemade barricades, piles of hay and makeshift fencing. But that didn't stop paintball enthusiasts from taking the opportunity to enjoy a few hours on the weekends marking their "victims" with bright colors.

"Throughout the summer we have made some major improvements to both the field and the customer service area," Harris said.

Improvements include convenient and safe parking spaces along with picnic tables and grills for customers to enjoy a day of paintball with their friends and family.

A transformation of the actual playing field includes the installation of the 10 Man, Sup' Air, inflatable paintball field which is now considered the "center court arena" complete with inflatable barriers for cover.

Additional playing fields are now located on both sides of the "center court."

To celebrate the season finale of

the field, Outdoor Recreation staff and volunteers created three fields for play, "The Graveyard Field," "The Millenium Field" and "The Barn Yard Field."

"People were completely ecstatic playing on the Millenium Field which had all sorts of barriers from Doritos to Mayan Temples," Harris said. Having just been installed days before the grand finale weekend, the barriers were given a proper initiation and were dripping with fresh paint in a complete array of orange, pink and yellow by the day's end.

Although the season is over for "Bust-a-Ball," the improvements are not. Throughout the winter Outdoor Recreation staff will once again transform the field to prepare it for next season. In the meantime, staff are completing yet another paintball field in Wackernheim.

"Paintball has become such a popular sport that we have been working on an indoor paintball field at McCully Barracks," Harris said.

Although the finishing touches are still being added, the new indoor field is expected to open in mid-November.

Holiday happenings

Turkey lunch

The Rheinlander Club in Dexheim will celebrate Thanksgiving early with an all-you-can-eat buffet special on Nov. 18. Lunch costs \$6.95 and is offered from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dinner costs \$9.95 and is offered from 6-9 p.m. Children age 12 and younger eat for half price. For information or reservations for parties of 10 or more call 334-5712.

Religious services

Thanksgiving Mass will be held Nov. 24 at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Chapel and Nov. 25 at the Hainerberg Chapel from noon to 1 p.m.

Thanksgiving buffet

Thanksgiving dinner will be served at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Dining Facility from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at both the McCully and Anderson Barracks facilities Nov. 25.

Basketball tourney

Team 221st Sports and Fitness hosts its annual Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament Nov. 24 at the Dexheim, Wiesbaden and McCully Fitness Centers. Sign up by Nov. 15 at your local gym or call mil 337-5541 or civ (0611) 705-5541.

Nutrition class

Join the Women, Infants and Children-Overseas program for a special nutrition class on Thanksgiving cooking and safety Nov. 16 at 1:30 p.m. The free class is open to all U.S. ID card holders. For more information call mil 338-7366 or civ (0611) 380-7366.

Christmas production

The Amelia Earhart Playhouse presents "Uh-Oh, Here Comes Christmas" Dec. 2-5 and Dec. 9-12 at 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets are available at the Hainerberg or Wiesbaden USO offices or at the playhouse located in the Amelia Earhart Complex on Konrad-Adenauer Ring. For more information call mil 336-2473 or civ (0611) 816-2473.

Tree lighting

The annual Wiesbaden tree lighting ceremony will be at 5:30 p.m. at Wiesbaden Army Airfield followed by family activities at the Peppermint Stick Village at the Community Activity Center. Enjoy holiday goodies from the Village Bakery, visit the North Pole Post Office to mail letters to Santa and get portraits taken with Santa Claus. The Dexheim tree lighting ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 9 followed by plenty of fun for children in the Dexheim Chapel.

Tune into Z98.7 FM every Wednesday from 7-9 a.m. for the Team 221st Morning Show.



Photo by Karen Edge

Violators beware

Yes, parking at Wiesbaden Army Airfield is limited. You may have to walk a little bit farther than you wanted to get to where you are going. But it's better to get a little exercise in a short walk than a longer one if your car gets towed. Military Police officials have been cracking down on illegal parking throughout 221st Base Support Battalion installations. Don't get stuck paying hefty towing and storage fines; park legally, officials warned.

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Photo by Karen Edge

Dying to scare you

“Dr. Jekyll” performs an autopsy on a victim who dared to enter the Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers haunted house Oct. 30. Hosted by BOSS members, the scary tour was used as a fundraiser to enhance programs for single Soldiers in the Wiesbaden area.

Cultures carve together for Halloween

By Cassandra Kardeke
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Terminally ill children got a chance to experience pumpkin carving for Halloween with the help of the Wiesbaden Kontakt Club.

Members of the German-American friendship club visited the

Baerenherz Hospice in Wiesbaden-Erbenheim Oct. 23 to talk to children about Halloween and help them carve their own jack-o-lanterns. The hospice, located about five minutes from Wiesbaden Army Airfield, is designed to give families of terminally ill children a comfortable environment to deal with the illness as well as allow family members a

rest from the day to day care and worry over medical conditions.

"We are glad that we could bring some enjoyment, if only for a couple of hours, to these children," said Alexandra Schultes, the club's vice president.

Just over two years ago the Kontakt Club raised funds to help the local hospice as it was being

built. As word got around about the center, 3rd Corps Support Command personnel volunteered to spend a day at the center building a playground for the children.

"It's good to see Germans and Americans come together for causes such as this," said Evelyn Zierer, the club's president. "It sets aside the different cultures and

shows that it doesn't matter who we are or where we come from, we can work together to make a difference in the lives of others."

Both the Wiesbaden and Dexheim Kontakt Clubs are designed to help enhance German-American relations and teach the other about different cultures. The Wiesbaden Kontakt Club meets every Wednesday at the Kleinfeldchen Restaurant in Wiesbaden at 7:30 p.m. The Dexheim club meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the BOSS Lounge (located behind the MP station) at Anderson Barracks. For more information about Kontakt events call mil 337-5772 or civ (0611) 705-5772.



Photo by Alexandra Schultes



Photo left: Barbara Schönmehl, age 15, scoops out pulp from inside her pumpkin before learning how to carve it at the Baerenherz Hospice in Wiesbaden-Erbenheim.

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EEO needs counselors

The 222nd Base Support Battalion Equal Employment Opportunity Office is looking for individuals interested in serving as collateral duty EEO counselors, officials said.

These individuals play a vital role in the Department of the Army's discrimination complaints process, officials said.

It is their responsibility to serve as an unbiased party gathering the facts surrounding the issues of the complaint. Counselors serve as a bridge between management and the employee in an attempt to resolve complaints of discrimination at the lowest level possible.

Any individual interested in serving as a counselor should advise his or her supervisor and discuss availability for such an assignment. Minimum requirements include that the interested person hold a minimum grade of GS-5 or equivalent, have good verbal and written communication skills and be objective. With a well staffed resource pool, each counselor should only be required to conduct three to four inquiries per year, thereby impacting minimally on their primary position.

For more information call Norm Estrada at the EEO Office at mil 485-7118/7450 or send a fax to mil 485-6973.

Players, coaches

The womens community level basketball league needs players. Contact the Baumholder Sports Office at mil 485-6671/7176 for details.

Wrestling and boxing coaches are needed. Call the Sports Office at mil 485-6671/7176 for details.

Professional help

Professional counselors are here to provide support and guidance. If you are dealing with conflict, worry or difficulty, in or outside the home, take the time to talk to someone about it. Confidential family/life coaches can meet with you when and where you are most comfortable. Call Army Community Service at mil 485-8188 or civ (06783)-8188 to schedule a meeting.

Range controllers

The Baumholder Liaison Detachment (Range Control) seeks noncommissioned officers to join the detachment. Soldiers must be in the grade of E-6, branch qualified, able to speak, understand and read German and must hold a 19K or 11 series Military Occupational Specialty. Call mil 485-6723.

Training closes

The 7th Army Training Command Regional Training Support Center-Baumholder Visual Information Support Branch will be closed for inventory Dec. 7-9. The photo studio and illustrator section will be open.

BCSC luncheon

The Baumholder Community Service Club holds its next luncheon Nov. 17 at the Rheinlander Club. The theme is Crystal Bingo, and only members of the BCSC are invited to the luncheon. Memberships may be purchased at the door for \$15. Make luncheon and child care reservations at reservebcsc@yahoo.com or call civ (06782) 887135.

Happenings



Photo by LeAnne MacAllister

Princesses and pirates wanted

A carnival goer picks a pumpkin for decorating. Child and Youth Services held their annual Halloween carnival at the Rheinlander Convention Center Oct. 30. Games and activities for children 3 years and older were planned — from pumpkin picking and painting, to hat making, face-painting, basketball and beanbag tosses.

Volunteer to help

Youth Services is looking for volunteers, youth and adults, to assist with special interest clubs and sporting or recreational events. For more information contact your local youth center or visit Baumholder's youth website at www.baumholder.army.mil/youthsite/html/ys.htm.

Basketball games

All of the men games begin at 1 p.m. and are at the Hall of Champions
☞ Dec. 4, Baumholder vs SHAPE
☞ Jan. 29, Baumholder vs Kaiserslautern
☞ Feb. 19, Baumholder vs Heidelberg Generals.

Sports lineup

☞ Nov. 4
Sign up deadline for intramural basketball at the sports office
☞ Nov. 8-10/Nov. 15
Preseason basketball tournament at the Hall of Champions; entry fee is \$50.
☞ Nov. 29
Intramural basketball begins at the Hall of Champions
☞ Feb. 7-21
222nd Base Support Battalion Intramural Basketball Championship at the Hall of Champions
☞ Feb. 25-27
104th Area Support Group intramural basketball championship at Giessen
☞ March 3-6
Installation Management Agency-Europe intramural basketball playoffs at Wuerzburg
☞ Dec. 20 to Jan. 3
Holiday Sports Activities (3x3 basketball, amateur racquetball tournament, etc.) at the

Hall of Champions and Gym 2.

Book fair

The Wetzel Parent, Teacher and Student Association is sponsoring a book fair at Wetzel Elementary School through Nov. 13. The book sale will be held on the stage in the school cafeteria on the following dates:

♦ Nov. 9, 10, 12, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
♦ Nov. 11 no school, no book fair
♦ Nov. 13, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., before, during and after turkey trot.

At the end of the week, the class with the most parents attending the book fair will be rewarded with a special prize and their teacher will receive a \$70 gift certificate to purchase books for her classroom.

ACS roundup

The following classes are offered by Army Community Service in November. Make reservations for these classes by calling mil 485-8188.

Employment readiness

Ten Steps to a Federal Job — Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. This class teaches students how to navigate through the federal job system.

PCS Pre Employment — Nov. 9 and 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. This class will teach students how to start the process for finding employment at a new post before leaving Baumholder.

Parenting programs

Parents and Tots Playgroup (birth to pre-school) — Nov. 15, 22, 29 from 10-11:30 a.m., Iron Kids Play Room, Building 8222. New Parent Education and Support Program personnel conduct the play morning. It is an

opportunity for families with small children to interact with their children and socialize with others in play.

Empowering Nurturing Parents — Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Iron Kids Play Room. This class is the follow-up support program for those parents who have completed the 12 week nurturing parenting course.

Coffee Break — Nov. 10, 17 from 10-11:30 a.m. This is a support group for military spouses and couples.

Infant Care and Breastfeeding — will be held by appointment only.

Families in Balance Seminars — every Thursday from 9-11 a.m. This is a general skills class for basic knowledge for parents with children of any age.

The Nov. 4 class will feature "Learning to Communicate as a Family" and the Nov. 18 class offers "Families recovering from deployment."

Boot Camp for Dads — every Thursday from 2-4 p.m. This is a four week instructional program for new dads. The program is offered at the Iron Kids Play Room. The Nov. 4 class features "Babies are Not Made of Glass" and the Nov. 18 class focuses on "The Baby in Your Home."

Couples, relationship

Maintaining Love in a Healthy Relationship — Nov. 9, 16, 23 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This class is designed to help couples rekindle strong relationships that might have lost their spark. These classes focus on getting back to strong relationships and renewing bonds of friendship and love between the couple. Topics include: Expectations Nov. 9, Partnering at Home Nov. 16 and Love and Intimacy Nov. 23.

Happily Ever After — Adjusting to New Marriage — Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This class is targeted to new couples and young married persons in the process of learning to be a couple. Communicating as a Couple is featured Nov. 10, His/Her Values=Our Money is the topic for Nov. 17 and Sand or Stone is the topic Nov. 24.

Anger, Stress, and Conflict Resolution — Nov. 12, 19, 26 from 9-11 a.m. This class is open to anyone interested in learning to better manage their anger and stress.

Financial readiness

Successful Money Management — Nov. 10 from 9-11 a.m. Participants will learn how to identify, solve and avoid the major causes of financial problems, make an effective spending plan and select and manage credit.

Getting Out Of Debt — Nov. 17 from 9-11 a.m. Tired of using today's paycheck to pay old credit card purchases? Let us show you how to get out of debt, and stay out of debt, the quickest and cheapest way using Power Payments.

Living and Saving on a Shoestring — Nov. 24 from 9-11 a.m. Do you sometimes run out of money before you run out of month? We offer tips on making your paycheck stretch to meet your needs.

Newcomers

FLAG — Nov. 15-17, start time is 8:30 a.m. Learn about German customs/culture, local shopping, German cooking, mass transit and the history of Baumholder.

Character Counts presenter visits Smith Elementary

By **LeAnne MacAllister**
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Character Counts, the United States' most widely used character education framework for elementary schools, has added Department of Defense Dependents Schools Europe to its clientele list. Through collaborative efforts with the Parent, Teacher Organizations, Phil Baker, a well-known face of the Character Counts program, is leading musical assemblies throughout Bahrain, Kuwait, Italy, Spain and Germany. Baker brought his one-hour song and dance act to Baumholder's Smith Elementary School Oct. 13.

Over five million children have learned about the six pillars to becoming a person of character—trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

"A lot of military schools have

adopted this program because it fits well with the military's own mission and goals," Baker said.

The program mixes singing, dancing and teamwork with a high level of energy to get through to the students. Although Baker worked with the elementary level in Baumholder, various programs are available for intermediate and high school students.

"The environments are changing for kids nowadays. Having something to grab onto gives them a chance to think about character despite outside influences," said Baker.

It was obvious the Baumholder students and teachers had been using the Character Counts program in the classroom long before his visit. The school is optimistic that his entertaining afternoon will reinforce the importance of living the pillars for years to come, officials said.



Photo by **LeAnne MacAllister**

Children at Smith Elementary School participate in a Character Counts session led by Character Counts presenter Phil Baker in the school auditorium.

Buccaneers win Youth Services flag football Super Bowl

By **Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava**
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With less than two minutes remaining, Buccaneers quarterback/safety Benjamin McDaniels snagged an interception and scored what turned out to be the winning touchdown for the Baumholder Buccaneers. With the clock still running, the Buccaneers made the extra point and it was all over. The Buccaneers had beaten the Baumholder Cowboys for the YS Super Bowl championship.

No, this is not an account of the highly publicized Super Six high school football championship hosted at Baumholder Nov. 6, but rather the final moments of the Youth Services flag football Super Bowl for 9- to 10-year-olds. The league consisted of teams from Ramstein, Kaiserslautern, Landstuhl, Sembach and Baumholder. Baumholder fielded two teams in the Super Bowl, the Buccaneers and the Cowboys, who just happened to make the finals and played each other in the championship game.

"It was an all Baumholder Super Bowl," said Lewis Boatner, coach of the Baumholder Buccaneers. "I think the game before the Super Bowl was even more difficult than the Super

Bowl itself. The kids wanted to make sure they made it because the other Baumholder team won their game first and that's who we played against in the Super Bowl," said Boatner.

The Baumholder teams were split into two different brackets so they wouldn't play against each other in the playoffs, just in the Super Bowl, if they both happened to make it.

Boatner recognized Deveon Jackson, Buccaneer defensive captain and safety, for his performance during the eight-week season and Super Bowl. The Buccaneers also had a trick up their sleeve that, according to Boatner, helped them in the championship game, running back Casey Boatner and wide receiver Kendal Boatner.

"They were involved in all the trick plays like the reverse and the fake reverse. They're also twins so nobody knew which one was getting the ball, which helped us in the end," said Boatner.

"I would like to thank the parents for making sure the kids showed up on time for practice and the Youth Services staff for giving us support when we needed it. For example we had a 5 p.m. game and most parents don't get off work until 5 p.m.

so they helped us get a TMP [Transportation Motor Pool vehicle] to take the kids to the game," said Boatner.

Reflecting on this year's season Cowboys coach David Bray said, "We scored 200 points and allowed 96 throughout the season, including the Super Bowl." Standout Cowboys players included running back Stephan Issacs and quarterback Cameron Bray.

"I actually fault myself for losing the final game. We had about a minute and 40 seconds to go and could have run out the clock and gone into overtime, but I decided to go for the win. It was my call to run a pass play and that's when the other team intercepted and scored," said Bray.

Like Boatner, Bray is grateful for the support extended by Youth Services. "Although he arrived when the season was already under way, Charles Horn, Youth Athletics program director, has done a wonderful job supporting us," said Bray.

"The parent support was also great. They were always there, supporting the team. There was no yelling at the officials or anything like that. In fact, after the final game, the parents came out onto the field and congratulated the players from both teams," said Bray.

New practice hand grenade course making a big bang



Photo by **LeAnne MacAllister**

Baumholder's new practice hand grenade course may be a little wet, but the staff report it is indeed ready for use.

By **LeAnne MacAllister**
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Thanks to the efforts of Jose Larroy, chief of Baumholder's Training Support Center, Baumholder has a new practice hand grenade course. An opening ceremony was held Nov. 5. It's located behind the indoor shooting range, Building 8572.

The new training facility replaced an old range that was cleared for the 4th Battalion, 27th Field

Artillery Motor Pool. "The old one was smaller than Army standards for this type of range. The new one is twice as big," said Larroy.

Units have begun to reserve dates with TSC for training. The course is self-run by units at either the company or platoon level. Although primarily constructed for Baumholder units, it will also be open to other Army installations based on availability.

The practice hand grenade course teaches Soldiers how to tac-

tically employ hand grenades. They learn how to identify various types of hand grenades and in which situations to use them.

Each Soldier takes approximately one hour to go through the seven stations. Hand grenades used by Soldiers are provided by the units. For safety reasons, dummy grenades are used when qualifying.

If your unit is interested in scheduling use of the new practice hand grenade course call TSC at mil 485-7513.

German families invite Soldiers for holiday exchange

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava
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The holiday season is a time for family reunions and sitting down at the dinner table for a traditional meal with all the trimmings. For single Soldiers away from home for the first time, a flight back to the States can be a little costly but the 222nd Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office is ready to lend a helping hand.

No, they will not buy Soldiers a plane ticket home for the holidays but they will provide them with a family. Operation Good Cheer is an initiative that helps place single Soldiers in the homes of German families during the holiday season. Each year numerous German families register their desire to host an American Soldier for Christmas dinner, New Years, or both, by calling the 222nd BSB Public Affairs Office. Soldiers who wish to participate in the program may call Public Affairs or contact their unit commander or first sergeant.

"Public Affairs has offered this program for several years now and the outpouring of generosity by our host nation families is truly heartwarming," said Madeleine Dwoiakowski, 222nd Base Support Battalion public affairs officer. "These families unconditionally open their doors to Soldiers each

year and offer to take them in for a day or two and often longer."

Over the years several families and Soldiers have developed lasting relationships as a result of having participated in Operation Good Cheer.

When Soldiers elect to participate they are matched up with a German family by using common interests such as hobbies or pastimes. A few days before Christmas the participating Soldiers and families gather at a German restaurant to get to know each other over a dinner hosted by Public Affairs. The families and Soldiers then set up a time and place where the family can meet the Soldier and take him or her to their home.

"Most of the participating families have at least one or two members who speak English so communication is not a problem," said Dwoiakowski.

"Of course if a Soldier speaks some German it improves things tremendously," she said. "You don't need to speak German like a native. The effort to communicate in their language is more than enough and serves as an excellent way of striking up a conversation."

"We also realize many people are a little apprehensive about starting up a conversation with someone they don't know so Public Affairs serves as an icebreaker for Soldiers



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Spc. Jason Bielski gets acquainted with Birgit Dockweiler, participant of the annual Christmas Cheer Program in which single Soldiers are paired with German host families.

and the families," she said.

During the dinner Soldiers are matched up, escorted and introduced to their German host family. They are left to get to know each other for a while and then a Public Affairs representative will return and help coordinate the family and Soldier's holiday plans.

So that commanders may contact their Soldiers in case of an emergency, Public Affairs maintains a record of the family that each Soldier is assigned to. Single Soldiers who would like to participate should call the 222nd BSB Public Affairs Office at mil 485-1600 or civ (06783) 6-1600.

Make yourself weather wise

First snowfall should not be a reason for undue stress

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Oh my gosh, it's snowing. This never happened back in Texas. No way am I driving in these conditions. I could slide off the road in the dark and somebody will peel my frozen hands from the steering wheel two days later.

The first white flakes and icy roads catch many who are not used to inclement weather by surprise, but there's no need for panic. Inclement weather advisories will be provided to the community via radio and television.

Baumholder's primary source for inclement weather conditions this winter is the Baumholder Information Channel. Weather information will appear on the ticker tape that runs across the bottom of the screen.

The channel may be found by conducting a channel search on the television and should appear on channel 3 or 4.

Weather information will also be available on the AFN radio affiliates that broadcast from Kaiserslautern and Frankfurt.

✓ AFN Kaiserslautern can be heard by tuning your radio to:

100.2 FM, or 1107 AM.

✓ To receive information from AFN Wiesbaden, turn your radio to:

98.7 FM, or 873 AM.

✓ To obtain additional information during duty hours, call your unit or the 222nd Base Support Battalion operations officer at mil 485-1530. After duty hours call the 222nd BSB staff duty personnel at mil 485-6150 or civ (06783) 6-6150.

When inclement weather hits a commu-

nity, the road conditions and any delays or cancellations in work, schools or other community services as determined by the local commander are promptly reported to AFN radio.

By about 5 a.m. the AFN affiliates in Kaiserslautern and Wiesbaden begin airing inclement weather conditions and other pertinent information.

The new Baumholder Information Channel will also begin announcing road conditions, delays, cancellations or advisories as soon as the information becomes available.

Weather advisories

When inclement weather is expected, AFN radio will also issue advisories so that people may plan accordingly and take the necessary precautions.

Like clockwork, once the first snow flakes hit the ground Baumholder residents reach for their phones and inundate the 222nd BSB command group and Military Police with an avalanche of questions such as "Are the schools closed?" "Is the post closed?" "What facilities are closed and which are open?" "Is it safe to drive to the PX or commissary?"

Up front, community residents should not call the MPs as the influx of calls will tie up the phone lines and prevent their timely response to a possible emergency.

The initial panic that ensues with the first snowfall of the season was not as intense last year, mainly because the snowfall was not as severe.

Confusion breaks out annually when residents begin to try and interpret the definition of the color coded road conditions that are

reported by AFN and to whom they apply.

During adverse weather conditions, people often mistakenly believe a road condition advisory such as "Amber" or "Red" applies to all motorists. This is not the case. Here are a few facts that may help.

The most common weather related report heard over AFN radio and television and other alert channels pertains to road conditions. A road condition report applies only to military vehicles and restricts operators to various degrees of travel. It does not apply to civilian vehicles. Motorists traveling to work in their own cars should use road condition announcements to help them take appropriate safety measures when traveling to and from work.

Some AFN affiliates will report actual road conditions, such as icy, slippery, snow covered, etc., instead of color code conditions for military vehicles. These notices may be used by motorists driving their personal vehicles to determine appropriate travel plans.

Late for work

Another announcement often heard during adverse weather is a delay in reporting to work. If, for example, AFN reports that all Baumholder personnel are authorized a two-hour delay in reporting to work, this means that motorists have two additional hours to report to work. It doesn't mean people should role over and go back to sleep.

The intent of a delay is to allow persons who don't live close to their work a reasonable amount of time to report to work in a safe manner. Those who live on post or do not commute are expected to report to work on

time.

The third and most extreme action a commander may take is to close an installation as a result of dangerous weather conditions. This means that all facilities are closed including schools, commissaries, exchanges, and shoppettes. It does not mean everyone has a day off to go shopping or run errands. For one, all these places will be closed. People should not be out on the road during extreme inclement weather.

During a post closure or a delay, military and civilian mission-essential personnel should coordinate their reporting time with their chain of command as appropriate.

Accountability

Another aspect of closures and delays is the accountability for missed work hours. Military members do not need to record this downtime. However if a military member was on leave during a closure, that day will be counted as leave.

Civilian employees are placed on administrative leave during a post closure. Those on leave during a closure will remain on leave, just as military members. This applies to American and local national civilian employees.

A post closure does not affect the leave status that a member might be on during that time. Civilian employees who don't live near their place of work may determine on their own if they can make it to work or not.

If civilian employees think it is unsafe to travel, they must report that time as regular leave (except during a post closure) and tell their supervisors. The bottom line is use common sense.

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New Baumholder VFW commander Terrance Archer recites the Pledge of Allegiance with former chapter commander Rob Robinson, at the start of their monthly meeting. Archer is a veteran of Desert Storm; Robinson served in Somalia. Despite living north of Cologne, Robinson still makes the journey down to Baumholder for VFW events.

Veterans Day focuses on newest heroes

By LeAnne MacAllister
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Nov. 11, 1918, saw the signing of the Armistice—the pact between the Allied and enemy forces that agreed to a cease-fire, thus ending World War I. A year later President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation marking national observance of the day.

“To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation.”

As any veteran will tell you, a lot happened since 1918 that underscored President Wilson’s message, albeit not related to World War I. As time continued, veterans from World War II and other conflicts noted that the signifi-

cance of Nov. 11 included much more than the Armistice.

In 1954 the holiday was officially renamed by an Act of Congress as Veterans Day. President Dwight Eisenhower added that all citizens should rededicate themselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace.

Many things have remained the same since Nov. 11, 1918. Parades and festivities are still planned by communities, and Americans gather across the world to honor the sacrifice of Soldiers and veterans.

New heroes

Veterans Day is especially meaningful to local communities this year. With the recent return of thousands of Soldiers who are the newest group of U.S. veterans and the vivid reminder of the Soldiers who didn’t make it back from Iraq, this holiday hits more than close to home in the Baumholder community.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars have an active chapter in the Baumholder area. With 398 members who are predominantly active duty Soldiers recently

returned from Iraq, the VFW creates an institution of friendship and support for its members.

In Baumholder VFW provides grave maintenance for U.S. Soldiers’ graves across Europe, assists veterans with their VA paperwork, adopts units, leads operation uplink in sending phone cards down range, works with the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and ROTC, provides scholarships and offers various other forms of community service.

The VFW as a whole has served as an advocate for veterans’ causes over the last century, including planning the establishment of the Veterans Administration and securing its budget, leading developments for the national cemetery system, fighting for vets’ rights and matching funds for the creation of commemorative centers such as the World War II memorial.

Along with the 5,000 Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans, Baumholder welcomes vets from different times and eras. Terrence Archer, local VFW commander, served in the Gulf War, and his wife just returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom. Ron Robinson is a disabled Somalia vet who lives north of Cologne, but makes the four-hour drive for his VFW chapter. Samuel Tooson is a Vietnam veteran who retired in Baumholder.

A longtime member of the local VFW chapter, Tooson is proud of the community service he provides to vets in Germany all year long. As Tooson put it, “Veterans Day especially is a day to honor all of the living vets. I can say I fought for my country and that means something. I can tell you, I’m

proud to be a veteran of a foreign war.”

“Me too,” said Archer. Soon the whole room was chiming in.

Sgt. Shawn Davis, who spent 15 months in Iraq with the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, said he feels a special family connection to the VFW. “My dad’s a Vietnam vet with three Purple Hearts. Every male in my family has served—it’s a tradition. Veterans Day has always been important to me because of that. And now it has taken on new meaning because I’ve been in combat.”

1st Lt. Margaret Christie, mother of 22-month-old Caroline, spent 15 months in Iraq with the 1st Armored Division Artillery. “The day I had to let my baby return overseas with my mother-in-law was really difficult. It makes you question if it’s worth it. Being a Mom makes it even tougher.

“Downrange I had these nagging thoughts that I was missing things back home,” she said. “I didn’t see my baby take her first steps or speak her first words. That was so tough. Now that we’re home I don’t regret anything. I’m proud of the job I did in Iraq and I’m proud to be a veteran. It has even made my family stronger. We don’t take anything for granted now.”

“This year I feel much more connected to Veterans Day—to Vietnam and World War II vets. The day is more special and serious than it was before,” said Christie.

Almost every Soldier in Baumholder has a story to tell. Veterans Day provides an excellent opportunity to celebrate their efforts, listen to their stories, reflect on their service and to thank them.



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1st Lt. Margaret Christie